

KERSEY PARISH NEWSLETTER

December 2022/January 2023



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Police The non-emergency number to call if you want to contact the local police is 101 (when it's less urgent than 999) .

Please let us know of any changes.

Defibrillators – *There are two AEDs located within the parish at The Bell Inn, Kersey IP7 6DY and Kersey Mill IP7 6DP.*

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Church Warden:

Mrs Rachel Wells 01473 822230.
and vacant position.

Weddings: For all enquiries regarding weddings at St. Mary's Church please contact the Benefice administrator 07706 188842 on Monday mornings.

CHURCH CLEANING

12th December – Elizabeth Cousins and Jo Jennings.

6th January – Everyone to clean and clear Christmas decorations.

THANK YOU

To those 52 households who have contributed so far to our newsletter appeal. We are still accepting donations.

INVALIDS

We send our best wishes to those who have been in hospital or unwell at home.

CHURCH FLOWERS

Could all flower arrangers please arrange the Christmas flowers in their normal places ready for the Carol service on the 18th. If there are any newcomers to the village who would like to join the flower rota please let me know. **Rachel Wells.**

SERVICE

A service of remembrance was held in St Mary's church and taken by Rev Jackie Sephton. The names of the fallen were read by Jonathan Marsh with David Anderson also taking part. Jamie Dilnot was the bugler. The wreath was laid by Jenny Leeks (great niece) of Stanley Mann whose name is on the war memorial. A donation of £100 is being sent to the Royal British Legion from collection taken at the service.

PCC

The PCC met at Quiet Waters. Chair was Colin Grannell.

Minutes of previous meeting were confirmed and signed as correct.

Safe-guarding report was received, more training will be undertaken in the new year. Friends of St Mary's: Next event is American Supper Dance.

Church matters discussed were the Craft Fayre, organ, flagpole, tree planting, Queens canopy the PCC would like a hornbeam, churchyard, common cup and update on vacancy.

Fabric: churchyard, health and safety report including Quinquennial.

All maintenance is up to date. Proposed work to doors on south porch to be left until the spring.

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PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL (cont.)

Gate post in churchyard still needs replacing. Quote is needed for work to soak-aways. Financial report was discussed in detail.

Newsletter: This has lost two advertisers but have had some new enquiries. Donations are coming in slowly.

AOB: Amongst items discussed were the school events, Nativity, Santa's grotto and Carol service.

The picture done by the school children needs to be reframed in a much lighter frame so that it can be rehung.

Next meeting 17th January.

Rachel Wells

DIARY DATES

6 Dec – Tuesday Club party	Village Hall	14.30
16 Jan – VPA open meeting	Village Hall	19.30
17 Jan – PCC	Orchard Barn.....	19.00
27 Jan – Burns supper	Village Hall	18.45
30 Jan – Parish Council.....	Village Hall	19.30



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PARISH NEWS

TUESDAY CLUB

Tuesday club members met on 1st November. The speaker was Paige Pope who is a Supporter Relations Officer for The Dogs Trust working at Snetterton Rehoming Centre. Paige has worked at the centre for 11 years and gave a very interesting talk. The Trust was founded in 1891 by Lady Gertrude Scott, since opening its first shelter in Fulham in 1991 it now has 22 centres in the UK and Ireland. It was formerly known as the National Canine Defence League before changing its name to the Dogs Trust. Its objective is to protect dogs from cruelty and suffering and the re-homing of dogs which have been abandoned or given up by their owners. Their slogan is "A dog is for life, not just for Christmas". Competition for "Something dog related" was won by Frances Whymark.

The next meeting will be our Christmas party on 6th December 2.30 when will have a quiz and carol singing plus eats and drinks. No meeting in January.

Rachel Wells

QUIZ

A quiz with fish/chicken and chip supper was held in the Village Hall on the 11th November. Thirteen teams took part. The winners were the Mardlers (85 points), 2nd – Unlucky (84 pts), 3rd – Kersey Splashers (83 1/2 pts), Other teams were Secret Red Squirrels (78 1/2 pts), Cider with Rosie (78 pts), Tried and Trusted (77 pts), North Kersey Kestrels (76 1/2 pts), Quizzy McQuizface (73 pts), Ding Dongs (72 1/2 pts), Middle Ground (69 1/2 pts), The Bad Pennies (66 1/2 pts), First Responders (66 1/2 pts) and Hancock's Half Hour (63 pts) who won the wooden spoons. Prize for the best named team went to Tried and Trusted. The evening ended with the raffle and a wonderful array of prizes. All profit made will go towards the Community Playground.

VILLAGE PRODUCE ASSOCIATION

An open meeting is being held in the Village Hall on the 16th January 7.30 The show schedule will be arranged and the outing discussed. If you cannot come to the meeting but have ideas for the schedule please let me know.

Rachel Wells.

WEATHER (for October)

Rainfall 54mm (2.1")
Maximum temperature 20°C (68°F)
Minimum temperature 4°C (39°F)

*Thank you to Kate Banks who records the weather for us in Wickerstreet Green.
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PRIDE IN OUR PARISH

One of our aims, as Kersey Parish Councillors, is to provide a safe, pleasant environment for residents and visitors. Sometimes we joke that the biggest complaints referred to us by parishioners are the three Ps – Planning, Parking and Poo – and we are now asking for your help in sorting out the last one.

We British have had a long love affair with dogs and even more people took on the responsibility of ownership during COVID. They are pets that can provide deep, long-lasting, affectionate and rewarding companionship. The downside is having to deal with their mess. The vast majority of resident and visiting dog owners are responsible and sensitive to the concerns of others. However, the Parish Council is alarmed by the rapidly increasing number of recent complaints about owners not picking up and binning what their dogs produce.

There is really no excuse. It is NOT the dogs' fault. There are dog bins at four carefully selected points on our local walks. We do not wish to install more. Owners always have the other option of picking up and putting sealed bags in their own black domestic refuse bin.

We are fortunate to have a volunteer who empties and collects the bin contents and we are grateful for this – it also saves us the annual collection cost of £200. The Footpath Working Group are a team of volunteers who maintain and mow the paths. Can you imagine what it is like when a powerful rotary mower meets the remains of a large doggie's deposits? When clearing the hedges near the Church last month, 20 bags containing dog fouling were found. That is not acceptable! What were the owners thinking of?

The hazards of dog mess are well known, including human illness, contamination of arable land and the threat to livestock. In Babergh, the Dogs Fouling of Land Act (1996) applies, which provides for fines of £1000, or on the spot fines of £50. Unless owner behaviour changes, we will eventually have no choice but to consider that option.

Please help us make a our countryside safer, more pleasant and enjoyable.

KERSEY PARISH COUNCIL
27 November 2022

ST. MARY'S CHURCH

Ode to Christmas

*Well, the puddings are ready, the cake has been iced,
The mince-pies are ready to go;
The pressies are wrapped, the cards are all signed,
I'm well-organised, don't you know!*

*The turkey is ordered, the sprouts in the fridge,
The pigs in their blankets are wrapped;
I'm feeling quite smug, it's the first of the month,
And Christmas is sorted and mapped.*

*By the tenth of the month I'll have holly and ivy,
And maybe some mistletoe, too;
Must remember the tree, with its baubles and lights,
There's a million and one things to do!*

*But why do I do it, for year after year,
Bake, wrap and spend loads of money?
Am I trying to prove to my family and friends
That I love them? I'm not being funny.*

*I try to give money to some worthy causes,
They need all the help we can give;
While I'm icing cakes and defrosting puds,
Others are struggling to live.*

*What's the point of it all, after all said and done,
What is it about Christmas time
That inspires us to celebrate, sing and be glad,
Oh yes – Jesus' birthday – sublime!*

*My Granny and Grandad were both Kersey folk,
Came to church, of that I've no doubt;
And I'll do the same this year - Christmas Eve –
Then back home to tackle a sprout!*

Written by Liz Hanson

If you would like to celebrate Christmas in St Mary's Church, you will be most welcome. There will be a carol service at 4pm on Sunday 18th December, and Midnight Mass at 10pm on Christmas Eve.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH SERVICES

4th Dec 9am	BCP Holy Communion	Rev Liz Law
11th Dec 11am	Parish service	Rev Janice White
18th Dec 4pm	Carols by candlelight	Rev Adrian Waller
24th Dec 10pm	Nearly Midnight Mass	Rev Liz Law
25th Dec 10am	Christmas Day Holy Communion at Aldham	
1st Jan 2023	No service	
8th Jan 9am	BCP Holy Communion	Rev Holly Crompton Battersby
15th Jan 11am	Parish service	Jim Sephton
22nd Jan 4pm	Evening service with HC	Rev Liz Law
29th Jan 6pm	Benefice Evensong service at Hintlesham	

The Robin's Christmas Song

1 The sound of praise is in the air,
Within God's house ascending,
And songs of sacred gladness there
In one full tide are blending
All minor notes have died away,
Joy reigns alone-'tis Christmas-day.

2 And all around the pillars twining
The holly wreaths are seen;
With their bright berries ever shining
The glossy leaves between
Without the world is cold, but lo!
Inside the walls there's warmth and glow.

3 The holy words rise up again
"Glory to God on high".
Then soft and sweet another strain
Afresh makes melody.

Not from the choir this voice is heard.
It is the carol of a bird.

4 He crept in with his ruddy breast
A strange new visitor;
Where'er he goes, a welcome guest
Why should he not be here?
And Robin thought, what shall I do?
Others are singing - I'll sing to!

5 Adding his little mite of praise,
Unconscious, to the whole.
But conscious may we ever raise
Thanks from our inmost soul;
Though faint and weak, yet all along
Swelling the one grand Christmas song.

*Found in a book called The Child's Companion
first published in 1860.*

FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S 500 CLUB LOTTERY

Latest **500 Club** draw results:

	October	November
1st Prize –	Alice Partridge	Jackson Crompton-Battersby
2nd Prize –	Jackson Crompton-Battersby	Bruce Newbigging
3rd Prize –	Nick Hamblen	Joan Hutton

Well done to all the winners and thanks to everyone who has already joined the club.

Details of the **500 Club** monthly lottery, plus all membership information can be accessed at: www.kerseychurch.org/fosm

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FARMING NOTES

Arable

We have arrived at the time in the farming calendar when the pressure is off, at least on the arable side. All of the chores that we put off while we were busy harvesting, cultivating, drilling and spraying should now be attended to, but they somehow seem less urgent and it is easy to forget them, but we manage to complete them most years. As well as helping as and when needed on the livestock side, these jobs include machinery repairs and servicing, building repairs and improvements, hedge and tree maintenance, clearing ditches etc. In the office there are always endless tasks, not least invoices and wages, VAT and other taxes, accounts to prepare and analyse and keeping up with modern trends and legislation in agriculture by reading the industry press.

It seems that, notwithstanding the huge increase in input prices, we have had a fairly healthy trading year, substantially due to the very high prices of our product sales, which, in turn I'm sorry to say, have led to high food inflation costs. I am very happy with the way the autumn drilled crops look, mainly due to timeliness and mild weather. It also appears that our investment in machinery has paid off well. Of course none of this would work without the diligent efforts of all involved, so a big thankyou to our staff.

Livestock

At last a substantial amount of much needed rain has come! Together with some cooler weather and shorter days it really feels as though winter is here at last. All of the cattle have now been housed, as leaving them out to eat the last of the autumn grass would result in damage to the soil structure and an unsightly muddy mess. We have plenty of straw for winter feed and bedding. The management of feeding and other tasks, although time consuming, is more straight forward once they are housed. The remaining winter grass will be useful feed for the sheep who will move around the meadows and tidy up over the next three months before they too are housed for lambing.

We spent a very busy morning with the vet recently blood testing all of the adult cattle as part of our annual herd health test. The samples are screened for three of the most serious cattle diseases. Fingers crossed for a clear bill of health when the results come in a few days time.

The main cow group were pregnancy scanned by a contractor using an ultrasound scanner recently with very acceptable results, and we are expecting about fifty calves to be born in the spring. Of the cows which were not in calf at scanning five of the oldest have been sold as culls, the remaining ones will be given another chance as they will be implanted with pedigree British Blue embryos soon. The drive to build our numbers of pedigree bull calves to supply the Cogent stud is continuous, but I am very pleased to have achieved the target of twenty bull calves born in 2022. Now we need to push on to repeat or improve on that in 2023. Continuing the theme of names beginning with S the final four calves of the year have been named Scoobydoo, Summit, Sumo and Scallywag!



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PARISH COUNCIL

A Parish Council meeting was held on 21st November.

Present was J Hume, chair, four councillors and the clerk. County, District councillors and one member of the public attended for part of the meeting.

Apologies from one councillor.

Co-option to fill vacancies for two councillors. Councillors resolved to co-opt David Butcher onto the council. This leaves one vacancy.

Reports: *County councillor Robert Lindsay* reported that there are now 23 families using the Bildeston Food Bank. Automatic Numberplate Recognition – It is likely that the CC will soon have powers to enforce moving traffic offences and fine people who drive on streets and through bus gates where motors have been banned. It intends to pilot 4 roads in Ipswich. Roundabout magazine has been struggling with an ageing printer, Robert has contributed to the cost of a new one. SCC is asking residents for their thoughts on the upcoming budget for 2023/24. The council also approved more spending for special needs education. The Suffolk Public Sector Leaders group have agreed to a government county deal which will mean the council will have an elected leader. The CC will take delivery this month of 16 electric vehicles, this is part of the work to deliver on its climate emergency declaration.

District councillor Leigh Jamieson reported that there were concerns raised about access to the rear of the 1-6 development. A response from the developer states that access from the site is from the north and not through the pub car park. The Arboricultural team did not consider the leylandii trees on the boundary of the site to be of amenity value to warrant special protection or resist their removal. He had submitted a motion asking the council to investigate working with other councils in Suffolk and Essex to help with retrofitting of council owned properties. A free on line course has been launched to support individuals and businesses to learn about the impacts of climate change in Suffolk. Bird flu has been detected in a number of poultry, there has been one case in the Babergh district. The Boundary Commission for England will publish its proposals for new constituency boundaries this month. Also reported on was income from CIFCO, Councils response to the Government Rent Cap Consultation Paper and Parking Strategy.

Parish time: A member of the public raised some concerns about dog fouling. It was agreed that no more dog bins are needed. Current bins seem to be in the right places around the parish. These are emptied and cleaned by volunteers. The public are reminded that it is a criminal offence not to clear up after your dog. Dog fouling creates a health hazard for footpath volunteers, walkers as well as food crops, livestock and wildlife. Volunteers were thanked for their hard work.

Minutes of previous meeting were confirmed and signed as correct.

Clerk’s report: Following letters regarding parking two holiday let owners had replied. They are reminding guests where to park. The website has been updated to include links with organisations who can support those in financial hardship and food bank charities. The defibrillator is in place at The Bell and ready and available if needed. The streetlights have been converted to LED units. The new lights are more focused, light the road and paths well and do not shine in peoples houses. Residents are in favour of them.

Amongst correspondence which had been circulated. Babergh have a seven year building supply. Hadleigh library is involved with the Be Kind in Kind campaign helping people to stay warm, stay safe and stay connected. A resident asked if the speed limit on Church hill



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PARISH COUNCIL (cont.)

could be reduced to 20mph. This has been discussed before and been monitored. After much discussion it was agreed not to pursue the idea.

Parish email alert system: A resident would like to see fortnightly or weekly email notifications. They have offered to provide this service. This will be discussed with the newsletter team.

Finance: Accounts to date and financial statements had been circulated to councillors. All payments were approved.

Interim report from Internal Auditor: A report had been received and everything was in order.

Planning – Progress: Babergh had no objections to tree works at Wormwood Green. Babergh had granted permission for an extension and alterations at Bridge House.

Footpath Working Group: All the paths had been cut by the volunteers with support from the landowners. Three new volunteers will be joining the group. The machines are currently being serviced, the group are looking into purchasing some new equipment next year.

KCPC: A successful quiz night was held. A maintenance day was held when hedges were cut and minor repairs carried out. The new mower is working well.

Consider whether the PC would use a Broadband connection: After discussion it was agreed this would not benefit the Council and they did not wish to contribute to its costs.

Consider whether Kersey should have a Village Emergency Telephone System: VETS This idea has been delayed for some years. It was agreed it would benefit the community. Ten volunteers were needed for the system to operate.

Transport East Rural Mobility & Rural England Prosperity Fund: Councillors had responded with some good points. The clerk would respond.

Dates for 2023: 30 January, 6 March, 17 April Annual Parish Assembly, 15 May Council Annual meeting, 3 July, 4 September, 20 November. Parish council elections will be held in May.

Clerk's appraisal and salary review: The summary of this appraisal was that the Parish Council are pleased to have an excellent, experienced clerk with deep local knowledge. There is a lot of behind the scenes work carried out to make Kersey a better place to live, work and visit.

Budget and Precept: Councillors all had a copy of the draft budget. A draft precept was set at £10,917.

Agree content for Pride in our Parish Article to be written on dog fouling.

Training: SALC continues to offer online training.

AOB: The Williams Green road sign has been removed for repair. Two councillors had visited the waste incinerator site at Gt. Blakenham and had found it interesting and informative. It is hoped the Bell Inn will be re-opening shortly with new tenants. Babergh Planning Enforcement had been notified of some potential unauthorised building works. They were being very slow in replying to these concerns.

Next meeting: 30th January

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Rachel Wells

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(If you already use Google Calendar you can add this to yours.)

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Waste Collection Schedule

Refuse (general rubbish) & recycling collections

Collections will take place as normal up to, and including, Friday 23 December 2022.

From Monday 26 December 2022 to Saturday 14 January 2023, refuse and recycling collections will be on an amended schedule.

	Usual collection date	Amended collection date	Change
Recycling	Monday 26 December 2022	Wednesday 28 December 2022	2 days later
	Tuesday 27 December 2022	Thursday 29 December 2022	2 days later
	Wednesday 28 December 2022	Friday 30 December 2022	2 days later
	Thursday 29 December 2022	Saturday 31 December 2022	2 days later
	Friday 30 December 2022	Tuesday 3 January 2023	4 days later
Refuse	Monday 2 January 2023	Wednesday 4 January 2023	2 days later
	Tuesday 3 January 2023	Thursday 5 January 2023	2 days later
	Wednesday 4 January 2023	Friday 6 January 2023	2 days later
	Thursday 5 January 2023	Saturday 7 January 2023	2 days later
	Friday 6 January 2023	Monday 9 January 2023	3 days later
Recycling	Monday 9 January 2023	Tuesday 10 January 2023	1 day later
	Tuesday 10 January 2023	Wednesday 11 January 2023	1 day later
	Wednesday 11 January 2023	Thursday 12 January 2023	1 day later
	Thursday 12 January 2023	Friday 13 January 2023	1 day later
	Friday 13 January 2023	Saturday 14 January 2023	1 day later

From Monday 16 January 2023, collections return to the normal refuse and recycling collection schedule.

Garden waste (brown bin) collections

Collections will take place as normal up to, and including, Friday 23 December 2022.

There will be no garden waste collections during the weeks commencing 26 December 2022 and 2 January 2023.

From Monday 9 January 2023, collections return to the normal garden waste collection schedule.



Please put your bin out by 6.30am

To check for delays and report a missed collection, please visit www.babergh.gov.uk/waste-services
Alternatively, phone 0300 1234 000 (option 4)

Kersey Projects - Forthcoming Events

Reminder



Burns Supper

Please join us to enjoy an evening of Scottish fayre and entertainment to celebrate the life and work of Robert Burns on:

Friday 27 January 2023

at 6.45pm prompt

in Kersey Village Hall

With music from The Hosepipe Band

Cost: £30* per head to include a welcome drink and a three-course meal with Ceilidh dancing afterwards. Please feel free to bring your own additional drinks.

We will be serving a traditional meal of haggis, neeps and tatties. If you require a vegetarian option, this must be booked in advance.

To buy your tickets email us on: kerseyprojects@gmail.com or speak to Lorna Smith, Natalie Blyth, Sarah Marsh, Sarah Williams or Suzie Rudkin

Kersey Open Gardens*



Thank you to everyone who has offered to open their garden for Open Gardens next year - we have had a great response!

For anyone else who would like to join in on **Saturday 10 June 2023**, please register your interest by emailing Kersey Projects on: kerseyprojects@gmail.com. More information to follow in the new year.

*Profits will go to support future community activities and events.